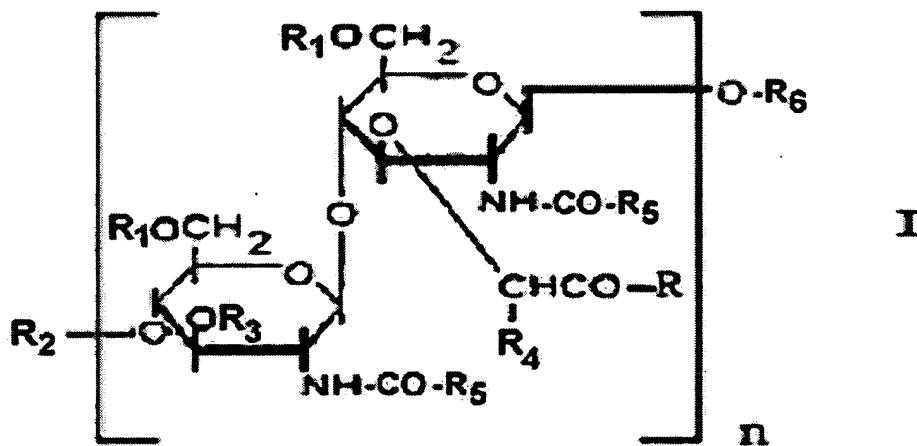


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a metabolic or autoimmune disorder in a human or veterinary patient, said method comprising the step steps of

(A) administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the formula:



wherein:

R_1 , R_2 and R_3 each represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_{22} acyl group;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group;

R_5 represents a C_1-C_{21} alkyl group or a C_6 or C_{10} aryl group;

R_6 represents a hydrogen atom; and

R represents the residue of an amino acid or a linear peptide of up to from 2 to 6 amino acid residues. Furthermore, at least one of the residues may be optionally substituted with a lipophilic group through an ester or amide bond; and n is 1 and 2; and

(B) administering to the patient a natural or synthetic compound that comprises a flavone, flavonoid, isoflavone or a derivative, prodrug or congener thereof.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP.
3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP-A.
4. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A.
5. (Original) A method according to Claim 4 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A in separate doses at separate times.
6. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered enterally.
7. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered parenterally.
8. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered intranasally.
9. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered sublingually.
10. (Orginal) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered by buccal administration.
11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 11 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out substantially simultaneously.
13. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 11 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out at different times.
14. (Original) A method according to Claim 12 wherein the compound of Step A and the compound of Step B are administered in a fixed dosage combination pharmaceutical preparation.
15. (Cancelled)